

FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2017 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during September 2017.



U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS (Sept. 8, 2017) Sailors assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) and 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit prepare to examine a simulated patient during casualty evacuation drill in support of exercise Alligator Dagger 2017. Alligator Dagger is a dedicated, unilateral combat rehearsal led by Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, in which combined Navy and Marine Corps units of the America Amphibious Ready Group and embarked 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit are to practice, rehearse and exercise integrated capabilities that are available to U.S. Central Command both afloat and ashore. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ramon Go/Released)



PUERTO BARRIOS, Guatemala (Sept. 19, 2017) Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Kara Irons, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Quantico, shows Guatemalan sailors how to use an IV bag during a Combat Life Saving course at Comando Naval del Caribe, a Guatemalan naval

base, in support of Southern Partnership Station 17 (SPS 17). SPS 17 is a U.S. Navy deployment executed by U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, focused on subject matter expert exchanges with partner nation militaries and security forces in Central and South America. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Brittney Cannady/Released)



SASEBO, Japan (Sept. 28, 2017) Fire and Emergency Services personnel assigned to Commander, Naval Forces Japan and Sailors from U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Branch Health Clinic, Sasebo, load a simulated casualty onto a stretcher during a shipboard fire drill aboard the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay (LPD 20). Training is performed periodically after the ship returns from being underway to maintain integrated firefighting proficiency between shore and ship-based firefighters. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kristopher S. Haley/Released)



NORFOLK (Sept. 28, 2017) – Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jacob Tripple, from Greenville, South Carolina, ensures the blood shipments for the blood bank are maintained at the correct temperature aboard the Military Sealift Command's hospital ship

USNS Comfort (T-AH 20). The Department of Defense is supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the head federal agency in helping those affected by Hurricane Maria to minimize suffering and is one component of the overall whole-of-government response effort. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Stephane Belcher/Released)



PUERTO BARRIOS, Guatemala (Sept. 29, 2017) U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Auten, the emergency medicine residency assistant director and emergency medicine physician assigned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, helps bandage a boy's arm with a Guatemalan doctor, during a subject matter expert exchange at Hospital Nacional Infantil Elisa Martinez, in support of Southern Partnership Station 17. SPS 17 is a U.S. Navy deployment executed by U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, focused on subject matter expert exchanges with partner nation militaries and security forces in Central and South America. (U.S. Army photo by SPC Judge Jones/Released)